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In re application of

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Sir:

On the Examiner's rejection of Claims 12-14 and 16 under 35 USC 102(b).

These specific physical differences are apparent in reviewing Greenberg (USPN 5,599,185).

In his alternate embodiment in Figures 5, applicant does not use a separate mounting screw 88, as shown in Greenberg Figure 5. In applicant's Figure 4, the minipin implant fixture is of one piece with a solid threaded shaft penetrating the jaw bone.

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